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Groves Withheld Secret Reports From Wallace

'Preferred Not to' Give Data to Vice President, Ex-Atom Chief Says

CANADIAN SHIPMENT of Uranium to Reds in '43 Described, Page A-5.

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Lt. Gen. Leslie R. Groves, retired, said today he had withheld from former Vice President Henry A. Wallace secret reports on atomic developments which normally would have gone to Mr. Wallace.

Asked whether there was any special reason for not showing the reports to Mr. Wallace, the wartime head of the Nation's atomic bomb project said, "I preferred not to."

Gen. Groves made the statement in a telephone interview from Norwalk, Conn. He is a vice president of Remington Rand, in charge of the company's advanced research.

Gen. Groves said he showed Mr. Wallace one of the reports in the fall of 1943, but none thereafter. He testified yesterday before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities that neither Mr. Wallace nor the late Harry Hopkins used pressure on him to get atomic secrets for shipment to Russia.

Hopes Probe Will Continue.

The general was asked whether he knew if the Russians had obtained secret information from any sources.

"Yes, of course, they did," he replied. "How much they obtained nobody knows."

Gen. Groves said he was "very anxious to see the committee continue its probe as I'm sure it has every intention of doing."

"I hope that the probe will be concerned with the truly vital question of whether there were enormous, unnecessary wartime shipments to Russia."

Asked whether his testimony yesterday could be interpreted as discrediting the story of George Racey Jordan, former Air Force major, that suspicious wartime shipments were sent to Russia, Gen. Groves said:

"The details of Mr. Jordan's testimony are relatively unimportant. The real point at issue to me is the answer to the question, 'Was there an undue drain of American wealth into the Soviet Union during the war which had no reasonable bearing on the waging of a successful war against our common enemy?'"

Withheld Some Reports.

Gen. Groves gave these answers to questions asked him by an Associated Press reporter:

Q. Did you withhold secret reports on atomic developments from Mr. Wallace?

A. Yes, I didn't show them to him after showing him one in the fall of 1943.

Q. Would they normally have been shown to Mr. Wallace in his position as a member of the President's Special Committee on Atomic Energy?

A. Normally they would have gone to him but they didn't.

Q. Was there any special reason for not showing them to him?

A. I preferred not to.

Q. Would you consider this a deliberate withholding of information to Mr. Wallace?

A. Some people might think so.

Q. Was there any special reason for not showing Mr. Wallace the secret reports?

A. We took a number of deliberate risks on security matters in an effort to bring the war to a quicker end, but we took no unnecessary, recognizable risks.

Elaborates on Testimony.

Gen. Groves' statements today were in elaboration of those made yesterday in Washington. There he explained that the secret reports were made available to the President, certain high military leaders and scientists, and, on one occasion, to Mr. Wallace.

Gen. Groves said that he took the report to Mr. Wallace's office and was kept waiting for some time. He said that after showing the report to the Vice President, "I made up my mind that"

(See ATOMIC, Page A-3.)

Four-Day Wildcat Strike

Oak Ridge Plant Ends

Contradictions in Statements Admitted by Acalotti's Accuser

Waitress Testifies on Newspaper Affidavit; Another Witness Backs Threat Charge

JUDGE MARBURY JAILS Two Gamblers, Warns Others to Quit.

By W. H. Shippen, Jr.
Bernice Franklin today admitted at the "threats" trial of Attilio Acalotti that she had made a statement to a newspaper which partially contradicted some of the charges she had made against Acalotti in connection with his alleged gambling activities and his efforts to intimidate her as a Government witness. Acalotti is on trial in District Court.

The attractive redhead, who has said she lived with Acalotti and informed on him only after he refused to get out of the numbers and horse race betting business, admitted under cross-examination that she made a signed affidavit to the Times-Herald in which she described the situation as "all politics as far as I am concerned."

Acalotti is accused of having threatened Miss Franklin after she had appeared before a special grand jury that was investigating gambling in the District area. She was a key witness before the grand jurors whose investigation resulted in widespread raids here and in nearby Maryland. Her charge that Acalotti threatened her was corroborated by a second witness today.

Miss Franklin said she first went to the Washington Post in February, 1948, and made a sworn statement which was later repeated to the District Attorney's office and to the grand jury. Yesterday she named three police-

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Hiss' Attorney Grills Wadleigh on Source Of Secret Documents

Ex-Official Admits Giving Data to Chambers, but Not Papers in This Case

By Newbold Noyes, Jr.
Star Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Attorney Claude B. Cross today began one of the key defense operations of the Alger Hiss perjury retrial—a biting cross-examination of Henry Julian Wadleigh, designed to discredit the former State Department official and show that he may have been the source of secret documents which Mr. Hiss is accused of turning over to Whitaker Chambers in 1937 and 1938.

Mr. Wadleigh admits he was one of Mr. Chambers' State Department sources. But under direct examination by Thomas F. Murphy, assistant United States attorney, he said he did not think that he had supplied any of the material which had been produced in evidence against Mr. Hiss.

He said he might have seen some of this material in the State Department and could not state positively that he had not turned over part of it to Mr. Chambers. But he said he did not remember having done so with any of the 87 secret messages which are involved in the case.

Argument Over Word "Steal."

The first minutes of the defense lawyer's cross-examination consisted of a duel between witness and attorney over the meaning of the word "steal." Again and again Mr. Cross referred to Mr. Wadleigh's having "stolen" from the Government and each time Mr. Wadleigh solemnly corrected him.

Mr. Wadleigh insisted that what he had done was to "pass over" some material to the Russian spy machine, but that this was not stealing.

Mr. Wadleigh said he started co-operating with the Communists, although not himself a party member, while working for the Agriculture Department in 1935. He told the lawyer he made this statement "with reservations as to your use of the word steal."

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U. S. Cotton Crop Forecast Boosted to 16 Million Bales

The Agriculture Department, in its final report of the year, today estimated the 1949 cotton crop at 16,034,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

This estimate is 510,000 bales more than the 15,524,000 bales forecast a month ago. It compares also with 14,877,000 produced last year and with a 10-year (1938-47) average of 11,306,000.

This year's crop has produced a surplus supply above market needs and a reserve deemed by law to be ample. As a consequence, Secretary Brannan has set planting allotments calling for a 20 per cent reduction in 1950 production.

Mr. Brannan also has proposed rigid marketing quotas on the 1950 crop. Quotas will be submitted to growers at a referendum December 15. They must be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting before they can be put into effect.

Truman Questions Reporters In Press Conference Takeoff

By Joseph A. Fox
Star Staff Correspondent

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 8.—President Truman today paid an unexpected visit to the press room here—and put reporters and photographers through a cross-examination in a manner in which they are spending their time.

The smiling Chief Executive explained that "I have had several wires wanting to know what you fellows are doing," and that he consequently would try to get an honest count.

He received varying answers. Introduced by Press Secretary Charles G. Ross as "the distinguished contributor to the Fed-

eral Register"—the Government's official bulletin—the President asked, among other things, "How many of you fellows have written to your wives at least once?"

The bedtime hour, breakfast habits and financial status were other items covered.

There were some other things he might ask, Mr. Truman said, but he didn't want to get "personal."

Chiang's Regime Quits Mainland, Goes to Formosa

Guerrilla Forces Left Behind to Continue Harassment of Reds

By the Associated Press

CHENG TU, Dec. 8.—The Nationalists shifted their capital to Formosa today and virtually abandoned most of the mother country to the Reds.

The sweeping move was decreed by the cabinet. It could mean the end of large-scale warfare in China after 22 hectic years.

Guerrilla forces were left behind to keep pecking at the Reds. But the main Chinese force was in or headed for Sichang, behind Sikang's snow-covered mountains, Formosa, on Hainan Island, 300 miles southwest of British Hong Kong.

Stronghold Prepared.

Formosa is Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's stronghold which has been armed and equipped for a last ditch stand against victorious Chinese Communists. It is China's fifth capital this year.

The emergency cabinet session also decided to make Sichang, in Sikang Province west of Chengtu, general headquarters for operations on the mainland.

The cabinet accepted the resignation of Gen. Chang Chun from the post of director of Southwest China headquarters. Gen. Ku Chu-tung was given this job in addition to his present duties as chief of staff.

Guerrilla Forces Set Up.

Two guerrilla forces to operate under southwest headquarters were established. The commander of the first force is Gen. Wang Tsang-shu. The commander of the second is Gen. Tang Shintzen.

Setting up of guerrilla forces virtually is a Nationalist admission they have lost the China mainland. It does not, however, mean they have lost completely the great war against the Reds which has been going on since 1927.

The Nationalists evidently hope they will be able to consolidate their remaining forces and conquer the Communists in the same way as the Reds beat them.

A Taipei dispatch received in the San Francisco office of the Associated Press said Yen had arrived there from Chengtu.

Only yesterday he stripped down his government from the thousands of officeholders who were in Nanking, Canton and Chungking to a bare 10 men.

He said he was making it mobile to get to another mainland seat of government from threatened Chengtu, which now has the record of being the shortest lived capital of China in all her history.

Chiang Kai-shek was reported by Chinese newspapers in British Hong Kong to be flying to Hainan. Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, former Central China commander and close friend of Acting President Li Tsung-jen, is there. Li is in the United States for his health.

Delay Urged on Presidency.

A Taipei dispatch said it had been learned reliably Chiang was not going to take over the presidency immediately. His advisers were said to be urging him to wait and watch the United States' attitude toward China. They also suggested that Chiang observe Li's three months constitutional right to be absent from the country as head of the state.

Shortly after his arrival in Taipei, Yen said his cabinet would begin functioning today.

The premier said Chiang was now treating on military matters now and was not considering resuming the presidential post from which he retired in January just before the fall of Nanking.

Body Found at Niagara Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, Dec. 8 (AP).—Police said last night they were investigating the finding of the torso of a man in the turbines of the Ontario Power Co., below Niagara Falls.

Late News Bulletins

9th Alcoa Plant Reopens

PITTSBURGH (AP).—Nine Aluminum Co. of America plants, strikebound since October 17, reopened today under a new contract with the CIO Steelworkers' Union. Eight plants resumed this morning and were followed a few hours later by the ninth at Alcoa, Tenn., where differences caused the added delay.

Chest Drive at 86 Per Cent

Alexandria today topped its \$67,228 Community Chest goal to become the first area community to achieve 100 per cent since 1944. New reports of \$91,313 brought the drive for the entire area to 86 per cent of the goal of \$3,991,719.

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Ousted Czech Official Vanishes As Reds Press Purge in Top Rank

Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Disappears With Entire Family; Successor Named

By the Associated Press

PRAGUE, Dec. 8.—Czechoslovakia has begun a new purge of its ranks and official sources said it has reached the top man in the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

The purge is being staged to insure that "no class enemy holds a membership card," according to the party press.

The official source said Evzen Loebel, deputy minister of foreign trade, has been purged from his job and apparently has vanished with his family. The official said Loebel has not been at his office since November 18, and that nothing is known of the whereabouts of him, his wife or his family.

Mrs. Loebel is an Austrian who earlier this year was reported to have been turned back from the border when she tried to go to Austria.

The government has refused to comment on reports of Loebel's disappearance. He had been generally regarded as the real boss of his ministry. A new man, Dr. Frantisek Jonas, now is installed as his successor.

The party organ Rude Pravo said the calling in of all membership cards for examination and certification was the first step toward purifying the party and creating "iron discipline" in its ranks.

When this task has been completed, by the end of January, new certificates will be issued to "reliable members." To prove reliability a Communist must show that he has been attending party meetings and evening Marx-Leninist instructions regularly, paying dues and participating in "shock worker" movements, above-quota production.

The Czech Communist Party still has about 2,250,000 members, including some 500,000 "candidates" or probationary members. It now accepts no new full-status members except factory workers and farmers and even these have to undergo lengthy preliminary instruction and investigation.

Third Sofia Defendant Government Girl Shifts Admits Espionage and Treason to Aid Tito

Testifies on Connections Since '46 With Yugoslav Commercial Attache

By the Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 8.—A third defendant in Bulgaria's Titoist trial pleaded guilty today to charges of treason and spying.

Boris Christov joined Nikola Nachev, former deputy construction minister, and Ivan Stevanov, former finance minister, in admitting he plotted to make Bulgaria a vassal of neighboring Yugoslavia.

Christov was a former Bulgarian commercial attache in Moscow. As a special court resumption of its trial of 11 former government and business officials, Christov testified he had connections since 1946 with the Yugoslav commercial attache in Moscow and, under the direction of Traicho Kostov, former Communist deputy premier, gave the Yugoslavs espionage information.

Kostov is the main defendant in the trial. As in the Hungarian trial of (See BULGARIA, Page A-13.)

Coldest Weather of Fall Hits North Central Area

By the Associated Press

The coldest weather this fall hit the North Central part of the country today. The mercury dropped to a low of 16 below zero during the morning hours at Minot, N. Dak.

The cold Canadian air spread southward into Oklahoma and North Texas. Temperatures fell below zero over most of North Dakota and Minnesota, Eastern South Dakota, Northwestern Iowa and Northwestern Wisconsin. Not much relief from the cold was expected until Friday.

The Northeastern section of the country had some chilly weather, but no subzero marks were reported. Snow flurries fell in Northern New England and also in the Great Lakes region.

Temperatures were about normal from the Plains States to the Pacific Coast and in most of the Southern States. There was some rain in Southern and Central California.

AMA Votes Dues To Fight Truman Health Program

Compulsory \$25 Fee Set to Get Funds for 'Education' Drive

By George Beveridge

In an unprecedented action the American Medical Association today set \$25-a-year compulsory dues for membership, with payments to begin next year.

The dues will finance the AMA's campaign against "socialized medicine" and provide financing for other AMA activities.

About 85 per cent of the AMA's 142,000 present members will have to pay the levy, officials estimated, with the threat of expulsion hanging over those who become delinquent in payment for one year.

The dues were ordered unanimously today by the AMA's powerful house of delegates, whose members represent doctors in local medical societies throughout the country, at the final house session of a four-day meeting here.

To Accelerate Campaign.

About \$2,000,000 next year is estimated as the amount the new funds will bring in to aid the fight on President Truman's compulsory health insurance program.

The dues payments, officials said, will mean a sharp acceleration next year in the AMA's vast "educational campaign" against "socialized medicine." The all-out drive was started this year by a "voluntary" \$25 assessment on the Nation's doctors.

Dr. George F. Lull, AMA general manager, explained that about 15 per cent of the AMA's members are honorary, and do not pay dues in their local or State medical societies.

The dues, the house decided, will be collected by the local societies and forwarded to AMA. To Be Dropped for Non-Payment.

Doctors who subscribed to the AMA Journal will continue to pay \$12 a year for the magazine.

Doctors who become delinquent for one year will be dropped from AMA membership if they fail to pay within 30 days after delinquency notices are mailed. They can rejoin, however, with payment of the \$25.

Doctors also will be dropped if they move to a new area and fail within six months to apply for membership in a new, local society. Membership in these local groups is a requisite for AMA membership.

In another action, the policy-making house registered opposition to bills in Congress which would provide Federal aid to medical schools. While the schools need the money, officials said, the AMA contends that the bills in their present form give the Government too much control over operation of the institutions.

Legion Commander Speaks.

In a surprise visit, George Craig, national commander of the American Legion, pledged support of the Legion to the fight against compulsory health insurance.

In other actions, the House:

1. Voted down a proposal for a national referendum of doctors on their feelings about the health insurance issue.

2. Voted to ask the Defense Department for a full report on the status of civilian defense plans, especially regarding medical care provisions.

3. Gave a unanimous vote of (See AMA, Page A-2.)

Wreckage of Airliner Sighted in California

By the Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 8.—Wreckage of a missing commercial airliner with seven aboard was sighted today from the air near Napa, authorities announced.

A Coast Guard pilot reported he could see no signs of life about the plane. There was a crew of three and four passengers on the California Airlines two-engine DC-3 plane.

Ground rescue crews were rushing to the area.

The plane, from Burbank, disappeared yesterday in a heavy rainstorm shortly after it took off from Oakland airport for Sacramento.

Next Article By Gen. "Hap" Arnold On "Why the B-36"

Tomorrow in The Star Gen. "Hap" Arnold, war-time commander of the U. S. A. F., writes on why the B-36 was chosen as the long-range strategic bomber for the Air Force.

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